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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE FOUND DICK COMBS' A-217 ON GINZBURG A FASCINATING INSIGHT INTO THE DARK SIDE OF DISSENT AND LOOK FORWARD TO MORE. PERSONALLY I THINK THERE IS SOMETHING TO WHAT GINZBURG SAYS, AT LEAST AT THE MIDDLE LEVELS OF THE BUREAUCRACY. OUR COMPLIMENTS TO DICK ON THIS AND THE GENERAL EXCELLENCE OF POL/INT REPORTING, WHICH WE THINK HAS COME A VERY LONG WAY UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP.

2. RE PARA 10 OF YOUR 11863, THE NUMBER OF FREQUENCIES AEROFLOT WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE AFTER OCTOBER 31 IS DETERMINED BY ITS OPERATING PERMIT ISSUED BY THE CAB UNDER SECTION 402 OF THE 1958 FAA ACT. ACCORDING TO THAT PERMIT AEROFLOT IS AUTHORIZED TWO WEEKLY FREQUENCIES, ONE OF WHICH MAY INCLUDE INTERMEDIATE POINTS, UNLESS A DIFFERENT NUMBER OF FREQUENCIES IS AGREED UPON. IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON THE FREQUENCY LEVELS, THE NUMBER AUTOMATICALLY REVERTS TO TWO WITH ONE INTERMEDIATE POINT ON ONE OF THE FLIGHTS. WE
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BELIEVE A REDUCTION OF BELOW TWO WEEKLY FREQUENCIES WOULD

BE TOO DRASTIC A STEP TO TAKE AT THIS STAGE, AND NOT LIKELY TO GET US WHAT WE WANT ON CHARTERS. THE DESIGNATION OF THE

AEROFLOT SERVICE TO WASHINGTON WAS PART OF A PACKAGE, AND WAS PUT IN AT SOVIET REQUEST. HOWEVER, THE SOVIETS IN JUNE REFERRED TO THE WASHINGTON FLIGHT AS A MONEY LOSER AND MAY HAVE LOST SOME OF THEIR ENTHUSIASM FOR IT. WE AGREE THAT THE TIME APPEARS RIGHT FOR A CAB RULING ON RESTRICTING AEROFLOT TICKET SALES TO PAN AM STOCK BUT FIRST WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS IS CLEARLY DESIRABLE TO US INTERESTS. WE EXPECT TO DETERMINE THE PRACTICABILITY OF THIS STEP IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. AUG 4 UPI WASHINGTON INFORMED US THAT BEATON CONSIDERS THAT TASS AND UPI HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ALL OTHER FACTORS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESPECTIVE BUREAUS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND LENINGRAD. HOWEVER, UPI IS NOT READY TO SEND A CORRESPONDENT TO LENINGRAD AND, TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF UPI WASHINGTON, HAS NOT YET SELECTED AN INDIVIDUAL. UPI WASHINGTON INDICATED BEATON FELT THAT THE DEPT WOULD NOW WISH TO GO AHEAD AND PERMIT THE SOVIETS TO SET UP SHOW IN SF. WE SAID THAT WE FELT WE SHOULD HOLD OFF ON ISSUING ANY VISAS FOR TASS PERSONNEL TO SF (MOROZOV - MOSCOW 9906) UNTIL UPI IS READY TO OPEN ITS OFFICE IN LENINGRAD CONCURRENTLY, BOTH TO MAINTAIN LEVERAGE ON THE SOVIETS TO BE HELPFUL TO UPI IN LENINGRAD IN PROVIDING AN APARTMENT, DOING ANY DESIRED RECONFIGURATION, ETC. ALSO, LETTING TASS OPEN UP IN SAN FRANCISCO BEFORE UPI IS READY TO OPEN IN LENINGRAD WOULD BE GIVING THE SOVIETS AN ADVANTAGE, ALBEIT TEMPORARY, AND POSSIBLY OPEN US TO MORE CRITICISM. WE WILL BE TALKING TO BEATON AUG. 5. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.

4. VORONTSOV TOLD ME THAT EMBASSY HAD RAISED NINA'S VISIT TO MGIMO WITH MFA AND HE HOPED SITUATION WOULD BE FAVORABLY RESOLVED. HABIB

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